(SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Bas-eed on available information a statlement indicating the number of students enrolled in vocational courses during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 (state-wise) is attached. (See Appendix CXLI, An-nexure No. 68.

(b) Such statistical information is not normally maintained and therefore, it is not possible to furnish the desired information.

(c) Vocational courses at school level are present being offered in the following States|UTs:

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi Goa; Daman and Diu and Pondicherry.

Vocational courses are designed keeping in view future prospects of wage|self-mployment and practical training in an integral part of the courses.

Use of computer software in treating the patients

1702. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VA- GHELA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report that appeared in Jansatta of 12th January 1987 to the effect that recently a computer scientist from Pune has developed a compute$_r$ software which will take into consideration different kinds of diseases as described in Ayurveda, nature of the body of the patient and suitability of diagnosis and also of a large number of Aurvedic medicines and would this prescribe the right course of treatment within a short time; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMAR SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) The Minister of Health and Family Welfare have seen the Jansatta Report referred to.

(b) The Government would like to watch such initiatives for some time.

Employment of traditional Sanskrit pandits

1703. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tradi tional Sanskrit pandits, however great Sanskrit Scholars they might be have no chance of employment in the Sanskrit Universities in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the traditional Sanskrit Pandits are not even intested to participate in the St-minars "and Workshops on Sanskrit and that their proceedings are carried out in English instead Sanskrit;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the causes for the segregation the mainstream of academic life in the of the traditional Sanskrit Pandits from country;

(d) if so what are thedetails thereof stating the steps contemplated by Gov ernment to remove the structural segre gation of Sanskrit Pandits in the acade mic and

(e) whether carrying out the procee dings of the Seminars|WWorkshops in a language other than Sanskrit may be helpful in developing the language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY , OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) On the advice of the Central Sanskrit Board, Ministry of Human Resource Development had informed in 1964, all the State Government|UTs that they should employ at least one Sanskrit pandit and the scholar so employed should enjoy the same status and pay scalesa- shiscounterparts trained on modern lines with equivalent degress. It was also advised that the employment of traditional Sanskrit pandits in high and

higher secondary schools/colleges should be given due encouragements. The teachers so employed should be treated en par with other teachers possessing equivalent qualification of general educational set-up. In pursuance of this advice of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, in many universities, colleges, schools, etc, traditional Sanskrit scholars have been employed. Traditional Sanskrit pandits are also invited to the seminars/workshops either organised/ assisted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The vedic sam-melan. the Sanskrit elocution contest and the other programmes of this nature are conducted in Sanskrit language.

Reported scandal in affiliation of B. Ed. College in Maharashtra

1704. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of ' HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported scandal in the affiliation of a number of B. Ed. Colleges in Mahara shtra without consulting the Marathwada University and admission of students against donations;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter to know the factual position; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reaction of the Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY (OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Reports to that effect have; appeared in the newspapers.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of Maharashtra, permission for establishment of BjEtt. colleges was being granted from 1984-85 if the management did, not seek any grants from the State Government. Nine applications were received during [198f>-87. Of these seven were recommended by the University to the State Government. In the remaining two cases, the State Government itself granted permission in terms of the provisions of Maharashtra Universities 'Act. Later, if came to the notice of the University, that most of the private colleges had admitted students excess of their sanctioned admission capacity and that two colleges were functioning without permission either from the State Government or from the University. The University, therefore, decided not- to permit those students admitted in excess of the admission capacity and those from the unauthorised col-leges, to sit in the March, 1987 examinations. When the University announced this decision, some of the affected students started agitations. Some manage-' ments also took the matter to the Bombay High Court. The High Court finally directed that the University should permit all the concerned students to appear in a special examination to be conducted some time in June, 1987.

According to the State Government of Maharashtra, -in the light of these developments, the whole matter was reviewed and. they have decided that from 1987-88, the practice of granting permission to managements who do not seek financial assistance from the Government, should be discontinued.

College, as Autonomous Institutions

1705. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a' proposal under Government consideration to make a certain number of colleges in the country as Autonomous Institutions;

(b) If so, what are the basic objectives land criteria to identify colleges to be made autonomous; and